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Honorable Walter D. Huddleston, Chairman
Subcommittee on Charters and Guidelines
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Thank you for your letter of 24 February (Q#2206) requesting that Agency employees meet with Mr. Norton of the Select Committee staff to discuss handling of espionage cases under present law and under S. 2525.

We appreciate the Committee's willingness to consult closely with the Executive Branch on the development of statutory charters, and I have asked that representatives of my Offices of Legislative Counsel and General Counsel meet with Mr. Norton to discuss these espionage cases. I understand preliminary arrangements for meetings have already been made.

Yours sincerely,

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STANSFIELD TURNER

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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO Q# 2206

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The "National Intelligence Reorganization and Reform Act of 1978" (S. 2525), which was recently introduced in the Senate, would establish a comprehensive statutory framework for the conduct of intelligence activities directed at United States persons or foreign persons within the United States. The Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, and, in particular, its Subcommittee on Charters and Guidelines, will be considering over the next several months the suitability of that framework. It would be of assistance to the Select Committee if the Central Intelligence Agency could review with Committee staff members a representative sample of recent espionage cases, including both those which were brought to trial and those which were not, to determine whether the Agency would have conducted its operations in those cases differently under the proposed statute than it did in fact. The Subcommittee on Secrecy and Disclosure of the Select Committee has already reviewed a number of such espionage cases in a different context and this should facilitate the process.

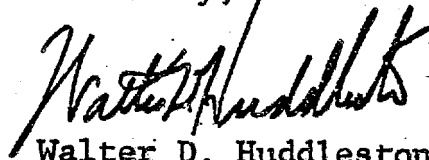
I am sending a similar request to Director Webster of the FBI (copy enclosed), and hope that your staff will coordinate with that agency in the review process.

I hope you will agree that such a review would contribute to the ultimate utility of the charter legislation. If you have any questions with respect to this

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matter, please have appropriate members of your staff
contact Patrick M. Norton of the Select Committee staff
at 224-1712.

Sincerely,



Walter D. Huddleston

The Honorable Bill Chairman, Subcommittee on
Charters and Guidelines

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Turner:

The National Intelligence Act, which was passed
in 1949, has been amended several times since then.
The Senate Intelligence Committee has been established
to oversee the operations of the intelligence community.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
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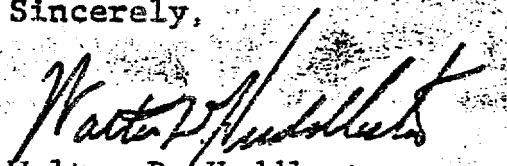
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